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Status of Associate Members

All members, who are not in actual student residence, are now associate members of the chapter with which they were last affiliated (either as active or associate members). It is called to the attention of the chapters and of chapter officers, that a man cannot now be an associate member of two chapters. For instance, if a man had been initiated into Alpha Chapter and had then left that chapter to affiliate with Beta Chapter, either as an active or as

an associate member, he would no longer be an associate member of Alpha Chapter. This would be true, even if he were to leave Beta Chapter. The only way in which he could again become an associate member of Alpha Chapter would be again to affiliate with that chapter as an active member (taking regular work in the university) or as an associate faculty member.

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What the National Historian is Trying To Do

Although how far the principle is to be carried out, may be a matter of dispute, it must be admitted that Phi Delta Kappa needs to realize itself nationally far more than it has in the past. The national magazine promises to be a most successful means of bringing this about. Now, that it has been inaugurated, it must claim a definite and whole-hearted support from all of us who have Phi Delta Kappa's collective welfare and growth at heart.

Another means of bringing before the chapters and their members, ideas connected with our group as a national organization, lies in the work of the national historian. This office, created by the Council of 1915, has no precedents with the fraternity, but the work connected with it is evident. Not only are all the historical records of Phi Delta Kappa to be kept by this member of the Executive Committee, and added to from time to time as important events

justify it, but he must also "keep on file a complete list of the members of the Fraternity" with full data regarding their activities, particularly those of a professional nature.

Just how necessary this sort of effort is, will be evident from the fact that it has heretofore been impossible to state, even approximately, the total number of members the national organization has, or even the total number of members of many of the chapters.

It has been exceedingly difficult for many of the chapters to collect, even those data concerning their alumni members, which would show the present position and address of each of them. Consequently, the national historian has secured complete lists from less than one-half of the chapters so far.

The present attempt of the national historian is to obtain lists as nearly cor-